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## City may amend 3-person ordinance

*Williamsburg officials, SA working on codifying exceptions*

By AUSTIN WRIGHT  
Flat Hat Editor-in-Chief

Williamsburg soon could budge on the three-person rule, a 17-year-old zoning ordinance that has caused tension between students and the city.

City leaders and members of the College of William and Mary Student Assembly have been meeting privately for about six weeks, hashing out the details of a potential amendment to the three-person rule, which allows no more than three unrelated people to live together in a Williamsburg home. A proposal dated Oct. 6 — provided to The Flat Hat by an SA member under the condition of anonymity — would allow four people to apply to live together in a Williamsburg home if they adhere to strict guidelines.

### ONLINE

Read the entire  
Oct. 6 proposal  
[flatathatnews.com](http://flatathatnews.com)

In conversations with The Flat Hat yesterday, city and student leaders made it clear the proposal was preliminary — months from being voted on by the City Council, if ever — and that coverage of the proposal in this newspaper could jeopardize its chances.

"It's just something we're trying to work through," said Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler, who has seen an early draft of the proposal but wouldn't say whether she supports it.

"I support looking for more flexibility in the three-person rule, but we need more conversation," Zeidler said. SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 said she's disappointed the proposal was leaked to The Flat Hat, as city leaders provided a copy to SA members under the specific condition that it not end up in this newspaper, according to several SA sources.

"It undermines the relationship that we've had," Hopkins said, adding that city leaders were considering releasing the proposal publicly in early November.

She added that a final policy proposal has yet to be reached and that it's unclear whether the proposal will

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### THEY CALL THEM TING TINGS



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The Ting Tings rocked Matoaka Amphitheater Saturday. For coverage of the Homecoming concert, see page 5.

## Trayless SC still in debate

*Dining Services: Sadler Center may be too crowded for traylessness*

By ISSHIN TESHIMA  
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Last Tuesday, the Student Assembly Executive Cabinet discussed a possible trayless policy for the Sadler Center dining hall.

According to the SA cabinet minutes, Secretary for Student

Life Liz Thomas recommended that the dining hall go trayless by fall 2009. In addition, they reported that the establishment should go trayless through a gradual reduction of the number of trays available.

However, Thomas stated that all facts discussed in the meeting

were still in the discussion phase and could change at any time.

"We don't want to put things out before they're finalized," she said.

According to Dining Services Director Phil DiBenedetto, effectively changing the policies of a dining hall consists of more than simply having a student consensus on the issue.

DiBenedetto said that more research needs to be done before Dining Services can ascertain whether or not going trayless will be beneficial to the Sadler Center.

"Before we need to do anything, we need to study it," he said. "We need to study the customer in the location [where] we are going to implement the new policy."

Moreover, DiBenedetto cited that traylessness may not be appropriate for the Sadler Center because of the dining hall's fairly compact design. The flow of customers is considerably tight throughout the area, so the convenience of holding a tray to keep food together is greater at that



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Director of Dining Services Phil DiBenedetto said that more research is necessary before the Sadler Center can go trayless.

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### ELECTION2008

## Prof talks higher ed politics

*Feldman compares higher education plans of McCain, Obama*

By ADAM LERNER  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

On Oct. 15, presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama stepped onstage at Hofstra University to engage in the final presidential debate of the 2008 election. The debate was the third such event to take place at an institution of higher learning, yet little discussion was devoted to higher education itself.

During the first two debates, the word "college" was only used a total of six times — all by Obama. At Hofstra, "college" came up twice as often as it did in both of the first two debates combined — but even then only in roundabout, vague terms.

According to economics professor David Feldman, a specialist in higher education economics, Obama's plan has fewer total items listed, but is more specific than McCain's.

Feldman is currently co-authoring a book with fellow economics professor Robert Archibald entitled "Why Does College Cost so Much?"

"One should not read anything into the different number of points each side raises, believe me," Feldman said, "because, actually, although the Obama site lists two, they're very specific. The McCain site lists five, and there's nothing there."

The first of Obama's proposals is a \$4,000, fully refundable tax credit that would be given to college students who committed to completing 100 hours of community service.

"The virtue of the proposal is that it's going where the issue really is. And where the issue really is, is access, and access is governed by your means," Feldman said. "So, if, in fact, this proposal has the refund idea that works like a negative income tax or an earned income tax credit so that it's

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## In book review, Nichol writes about College

By MILES HILDER  
Flat Hat News Editor

Former College of William and Mary President Gene Nichol discussed the movement to oust him from office in a column in the Oct. 31 edition of The Chronicle for Higher Education.

Commenting on a new book written by University of California-Santa Barbara Professor Christopher Newfield detailing an alleged conservative assault on public universities, Nichol said that his experiences at the College provide evidence for Newfield's assertions. He cites the Wren Cross controversy as an example.

"My own controversial tenure as president of [the College] offers a good deal of evidence to ratify Newfield's claims," Nichol wrote. "After altering the way a Christian cross was displayed in a public facility, on a public-university campus, in a chapel used regularly for secular events both voluntary and

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## Rowing team vies for world record

By ANGELA DELGADO  
The Flat Hat

The College of William and Mary Rowing Team tried to row its way into the world record books Saturday. "Power Your World," a fundraiser held at Berret's Seafood Restaurant and Taphouse Grill, attempted to raise not only money and support for the team but also awareness of environmental sustainability.

The main attraction of the day was an attempt to set a world record for the most people to row on a single rowing machine in a 12-hour period. This event marked the first time anybody has tried to complete this feat.

"We applied to set it with the Guinness Book of World Records, but they didn't send a representative out," rowing team president T.J. Wallin '10 said. "So we taped the event to apply for the record ex-post facto."

Rowing Vice President of Fundraising



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Students and community members helped create the world record as rowing club members look on.

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The Flat Hat will resume its regular printing schedule Tuesday, Nov. 4, with the results of its 2008 Presidential Election survey.



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Corrections

In Friday’s article entitled “Senate provides funds for Lips, passes finance bill,” an objection to The Necessary Changes to the Finance Code to Further Ensure the Safety of Our Money Act was misattributed to Sen. Michael Douglass ’11. The objection was made by Sen. Steven Nelson ’10.

Friday’s article entitled “Assistant cheerleading coach resigns from position” misstated Latoya Asia’s J.D. ’09 official reason for resigning her position. Asia never claimed she was resigning due to a heavy course load. Furthermore, the article stated that Asia’s resignation meant the team may not have been able to perform stunts. Asia, though, is not certified to oversee stunts.


Weather

Tuesday




High 58°  
Low 39°

Wednesday



High 56°  
Low 33°

Thursday



High 60°  
Low 36°

Source: www.weather.com

News in brief

Alumna donates to Swem

H. Elizabeth McLeod ’83 M.B.A. ’91 and her husband, J. Goodenow Tyler III of Norfolk have donated \$2.5 million to the College of William and Mary’s library system. Their gift provides \$1.5 million to the Earl Gregg Swem Library and \$1 million to the Mason School of Business library. This gift is the largest in Swem’s history, and the business school’s future facility, Alan B. Miller Hall, will include library space named in honor of McLeod.

“Because a library is the heart of any academic community, Bee and Goody’s support for libraries at William and Mary is especially meaningful,” College President Taylor Reveley said in a press release. “We are very grateful for this gift and the good it will do now and far into the future.”

**UCAB wins Board of Excellence award**

The College of William and Mary’s University Center Activities Board recently beat out over 50 other schools to win the Board of Excellence award at the National Association for Campus Activities South Conference. Katy Lang ’09, director of the General Board for UCAB, won Student Leader of the Year. UCAB is a student-run organization that is responsible for planning a variety of events for the College. The CACA conference was attended by nine members of UCAB’s executive board, two graduate assistants and Joe Lowder, assistant director of student activities and head advisor of the organization.

— by Bertel King Jr.

Online-Only Content

**ELECTION ’08**  
**Thoughts on the state of the McCain Campaign**  
by Cliff Dunn

John McCain is in trouble right now. The Ayers stuff didn’t work, the “campaign suspension” (Is that still ongoing? I haven’t noticed.) didn’t work (and didn’t accomplish anything to boot), and Sarah Palin doesn’t seem to be working out so well.

**SCIENCE NOW**  
**Hey, wanna go to Mars this weekend?**  
by Mike Harper

NASA and the European Space Agency are beginning to plan the first manned mission to Mars, to take place as late as 2030 or 2040. Buzz Aldrin, the second man on the moon, thinks that the mission should be a one-way trip.

By the Numbers

\$1.019 million

The amount of money raised by the class of 1983 for their 25th reunion. The classes of 1973 and 1988 raised nearly half a million each, according to University Relations.

3 years

Amount of time since the College of William and Mary held its last pep rally and bonfire in Yates Field. The annual event has been cancelled due to rain.

— by Maggie Reeb

STREET BEAT

What was your favorite part of Homecoming?



“Judging vegetables, a.k.a. hanging out with my sorority.”



“Float building with our partner fraternity.”



“Our parade and getting to see all the little kids dressed up in their Tribe outfits.”



“Singing along to every Ting Ting song. I listened to them all summer long.”

Penny Mahoney '09

Laila Selim '10

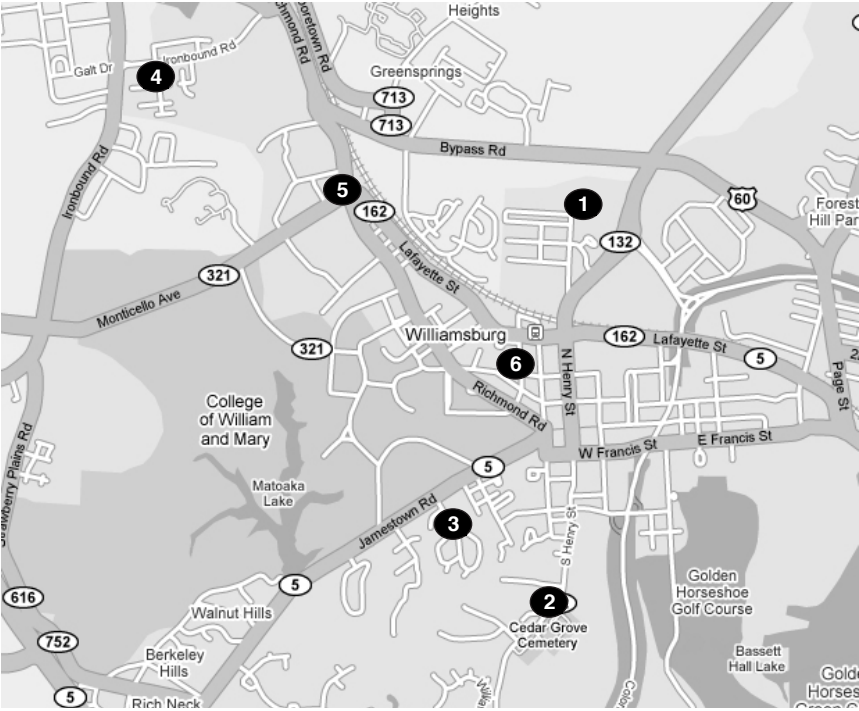
Jess Unger '09

Sam Grill '09

— photos and interviews by Maral Noori-Moghaddan

CITY POLICE BEAT

Oct. 21 to Oct. 26



**Tuesday, Oct. 21** — A 22-year-old male was arrested on the 400 block of Henderson St. for alleged possession of marijuana. **1**

**Wednesday, Oct. 22** — A 32-year-old male was arrested on the 100 block of Mimosa Rd. for alleged trespassing. **2**

**Friday, Oct. 24** — An individual was arrested on the 300 block of Indian Springs Rd. for alleged profane language by phone. **3**

— An individual was arrested on the 1500 block of Ernestine Ave. for alleged abduction with immoral intent, sexual battery and assault and battery. **4**

**Saturday, Oct. 25** — A 45-year-old male was arrested on the 100 block of Monticello Ave. for allegedly stealing clothing. **5**

**Sunday, Oct. 26** — A 31-year-old male was arrested on the 700 block of Scotland St. for allegedly being drunk in public. **6**

— compiled by Bertel King Jr.

Professor analyzes higher ed credentials of candidates

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not bounded at zero, then it is clearly in much the same fashion as the Pell Grants to raise access.”

Obama’s second proposal aims to simplify and expand the financial aid process by moving the financial aid system away from a FAFSA application process toward a 1040-based program where, to apply for financial aid, one would essentially check an extra box on his or her tax forms.

“One of the problems with the FAFSA approach is that it’s a complicated formula that looks partially at a family’s income and partially at a family’s wealth,” Feldman said. “When families know that they’re going to get essentially taxed on the basis of wealth, it may reduce the incentive to save. So, by moving to a system that’s based only on current income, it eliminates that disincentive for people to raise money.”

Feldman also found disadvantages to the plan.

“The downside ... is that we know that there’s inequality of income. But there’s even worse inequality of wealth,” he said. “So if you move away from a system that at least recognizes wealth as something that you can tap into, you are moving away from a system that is going to essentially tax wealth, which is very unequally allocated.”

Feldman said Obama’s plan, though open to debate, is solid.

“To me, both of these proposals make a certain amount of sense,” Feldman said.

“They’re simple and to his credit, they’re there. They’re serious. They’re specific.”

Feldman also agreed with many of McCain’s higher education proposals, though he said that most of them are too vague.

“The first proposal is to make more information available to parents about costs,” he said. “This idea is not stupid — the notion that people ought to have better information about ultimately what this is going to cost them, so they can make better decisions a priori. This makes sense.”

Unfortunately, Feldman said, it’s already been done.

“The funny thing is that the Higher Education Act, which was just reauthorized this summer, does that. So essentially, it’s already been codified into law,” he said.

The remainder of McCain’s proposals seek to simplify tax benefits, consolidate federal financial aid programs, improve the student lending process and end research and other education earmarks.

“It would be nice if there was some meat there to tell us, what’s the problem, specifically, and what are you going to do about it?” Feldman said. “I would need to see some more specifics to know what he thinks really needs to be fixed. I don’t know, and it’s not clear from the proposal.”

Ultimately, Feldman said, neither of the candidates’ plans are perfect.

“In any one of these proposals you can see pros and you can see cons, and reasonable people can disagree about whether or not each one of these things is wise,” he said.

CRIM DELL GETS A BATH



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The Williamsburg Fire Department tests its pumps by recirculating water into the Crim Dell.

Rowing sets record over Homecoming

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Craig White ’09 said the event was a success.

“We had about 300 people, from 6 to 60 years old, participate,” White said. “But we think that we’ll hold off on applying to set the record until next time. We want bigger numbers so that the record will be harder for challengers to beat.”

Throughout the day, the team provided information on the club, offered baked goods and sold team apparel and memorabilia.

“We decorated and sold recycled oars, mostly to local businesses, like Paul’s Deli, wanting to show support for our team,” Wallin said. “We raised enough money to cover the expenses for one of our huge out-of-state regattas.”

The afternoon’s event raised almost \$3,000. More important to the team, however, was the restoration of communication between current and past rowers.

“One of the goals of the event was to establish contact with some of our alumni who had lost touch with the team,” rowing team secretary Justin de Benedictis-Kessner ’11 said.

Team members and alumni also collected abandoned recyclables in Walter J. Zable Stadium after the afternoon football game.

De Benedictis-Kessner said that despite low funding, the team is making headway in improving its national standing. The women’s Varsity Four took home fourth place medals Oct. 19 at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, beating out Georgia Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State and the United States Military Academy. The annual event boasts a total of 7,500 individual participants and draws crew teams from all over the world.

Team members said that a lack of public communication keeps rowing from gaining the following that other campus club teams enjoy.

“Hopefully ‘Power Your World’ will clear up misconceptions people have about the team that keep us from getting attention,” White said.

According to him, 4 a.m. practices and lack of social lives seem to be the most common of these misconceptions.

“We don’t have practices until 5 p.m. most days,” Wallin said, “and it’s always a ton of fun with our group.”



# Lawyers: Wren cross interesting, but not legally significant

By ANNE FOSTER  
*Flat Hat Staff Writer*

Two years ago, former College of William and Mary President Gene Nichol removed the altar cross from permanent display in the Wren Chapel, sparking a national controversy that raged for more than a year.

Today, legal experts are still discussing the legal implications of Nichol's decision.

The William and Mary Law Review recently published two

articles exploring the legal aspects of the Wren Cross controversy, one by Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of University of California-Irvine, and another by Gene Bradley, a University of Notre Dame law professor.

"Nichol was a noted constitutional scholar. I think for other professors, the fact that [Nichol] was involved in legal matters attracted them to the issue," Law Review Editor-in-Chief Aaron Garrett J.D. '09 said.

Chemerinsky, whose ar-

ticle argued in agreement with Nichol's actions, cited the depth of the controversy as the main reason for national appeal of the case.

"President Nichol's action generated intense opposition from the religious right. It played a key part in his ultimately being fired," Chemerinsky told The Flat Hat. "It will be remembered because of the huge controversy surrounding what occurred."

In addition, Bradley, whose

essay opposed Nichol's decision, stated that the circumstances of the controversy at the College provided an unusual case.

However, the authors both agreed that although the Wren Cross controversy presented an interesting situation, it will not have a lasting effect on legal issues. Chemerinsky said that the

situation did not infringe the law, while Bradley, drawing on the uniqueness of the controversy, said that it provides no precedent for other cases involving church and state.

"President Nichol's action did not even arguably violate the Constitution, so there was no basis for challenge in the courts," Chemerinsky said.

However, Chemerinsky also agreed that the controversy was a great reminder to the American religious beliefs today.

"The controversy is a powerful reminder that there are many who do not believe in a wall separating church and state," Chemerinsky said.

## Nichol speaks in Chronicle

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mandatory, I was treated to a potent dose of cultural contest."

Nichol also described his involvement in the Sex Worker's Art Show controversy.

"When I then refused to ban a student-sponsored, sexually tinged performance-art program — a ban that would have flatly violated the First Amendment — the controversy became acute beyond the campus walls," Nichol wrote.

Nichol said the Wren Cross controversy and Sex Worker's Art Show incidents were strongly

influenced by conservative forces and left a negative mark on his presidency and the College as a whole.

"I've seen at close hand the impact that battling bloggers, right-wing donors, fevered Fox News firebrands, demagogic legislators, and trustees unschooled in and uncommitted to the core values of a university can have upon a presidency and an institution," Nichol wrote. "They are nothing to scoff at."

Currently a professor of law at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Nichol has declined multiple interview requests from The Flat Hat.

## 3-person rule could change

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even be accepted by students as advantageous.

"Ideally, we'd like to have the number of bedrooms, plus one, but we understand that we're going to have to compromise," Hopkins said.

The draft of the proposal dated Oct. 6 that was obtained by The Flat Hat would allow renters to submit an application to house four people in a rental home, but the renters would have to sign off on specific guidelines, including:

- There must be room for each occupant to have a parking space.
- The zoning administrator must inspect the property at the beginning of each fall semester.
- The zoning administrator will investigate complaints that more than four people are residing on the property, and 24-hour notice will be given if the administrator decides to inspect the property.
- Owners who have had the certificate allowing them to rent to four people revoked will not be allowed to rent to four people in subsequent years, unless the violation is determined to be out of the owner's control.

Hopkins and SA Senator Matt Beato '09 said that this proposal is not the most current one, but they declined to provide The Flat Hat with details on what has changed because they were asked by city leaders not to comment on the specifics.

"I've been doing hours of research into whether it would be

good for the city as a whole and for the student body," Beato said. "Frankly, I don't know the answers to these questions yet."

Students have sparred with the city over the current policy for many years, with students arguing that the policy is unfair because it prevents four people from living in a four-bedroom house, limiting the ability for renters to afford living in larger houses in the city.

The issue played a prominent role in last spring's City Council elections, when many of the candidates said they supported relaxing the code after about 1,400 students registered to vote in the city.

City Council member Paul Freiling '83 voiced support last spring for a zoning ordinance allowing four people to live in a Williamsburg house together if they meet guidelines set by the city. He said yesterday he continues to support a relaxing of the three-person rule, characterizing the dialogue between student and city leaders about allowing a four-person exception as "a change in the right direction."

"If we can do this successfully, we'll remove the need for people to unlawfully try to squeeze too many people into a home," he said, adding that amending the code would be a slow process that, at minimum, would take three months.

City Manager Jack Tuttle said the proposal was simply a listing of ideas, as student and city leaders are still in the process of find-

ing common ground on how to amend the controversial policy. He said the proposal was drafted by himself, Assistant City Attorney Christina Workman, several city staff members, Zeidler and Vice Mayor Clyde Haulman, along with several SA members. The next step, he said, was to take the potential policy change to the city's planning commission and to hold public hearings on the issue.

"This is the beginning of a many-month-long process that, if it is worked out, could result in some changes to the code," Tuttle said. "The goal is to see if we can improve on our current system, and hopefully we can."

Flat Hat Staff Writer Nancy Blanford contributed reporting.

## SC holds off no trays

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particular location.

According to DiBenedetto, traylessness at the Caf worked because there was more space and a greater flow capacity. However, DiBenedetto said that before the Caf went trayless, dining services held several studies to decide whether or not traylessness would be appropriate.

"Our job is to keep the College at the forefront of what is going on," he said. "we have to study it. It's not fair to the customers otherwise."

In addition, DiBenedetto stated that if the Sadler Center were to go trayless, it would have the same policies as the Caf. There-

fore, even if a student asks for a tray, unless the student has a clear handicap, there will be no trays available.

"For certain things, everyone should be involved," he said.

DiBenedetto said that some examples of the research that needed to be done would be interviewing random students, conducting online surveys and discussing the new policy with students in the residence hall meetings that Dining Services conducts every semester.

DiBenedetto said that the students are the most integral part of the whole process.

"Overall, I think we do a good job," he said. "But without you guys, we aren't here."

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## Student Fee Funding

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Thursday

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Monday

Nov 3, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Little Theater  
Campus Center Basement

For information contact:  
Anita Hamlin, ayhaml@wm.edu

If your organization will be applying for Student Fee Funding for next year (Fall 2009 & Spring 2010) you MUST have a representative attend one of these workshops to pick up a budget request packet and register your organization.



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OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

Vote Obama, Warner, Day

Sen. Barack Obama for U.S. President

If national poll data is anything to be trusted, we're about to preach to the choir. Among college students across the country, Sen. Barack Obama appears to be favored by more than 20 points. Just the same, we're okay with joining that chorus of college voices supporting him. The man deserves it. We urge you to make Barack Obama America's 44th president. Writing prior to Virginia's primaries in February, we spoke in airy tones of Obama as a visionary, as a voice for change. We supported Sen. John McCain's nomination at the same time, praising his bipartisanship and pragmatism. In the intervening months, however, we watched with disappointment as McCain's campaign eschewed the values we'd so appreciated in favor of gimmickry and deceit.

While we acknowledge that a man is not his campaign, Obama's positions and poise have convinced us he will make the better commander-in-chief. He has surrounded himself with some of the best minds in America — not all of them liberal — which is a testament to his ability to build consensus and act thoughtfully. We trust that although he may take some positions with which we disagree, he has thoroughly considered both sides. After four years under President George W. Bush, Americans need a deliberator — not a decider — in the oval office. As much as McCain may distance himself from the current president, his vice presidential pick and campaign suspension bespeak a decision-making strategy that is, in a word, rash.

Obama's good judgment might mean most for America in repairing its broken bonds abroad. An increased reliance upon multilateral diplomacy is essential in what is quickly becoming a multi-polar world. The spat over meeting with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad "without precondition" proved that America must end its us-versus-them mentality abroad. Obama is the man to do it.

At home, Obama emerges the clear winner in environmental policy, an issue particularly salient to the college demographic. Something must be done to wean America from its carbon-based economy. The economic hardship today could avert the much larger costs of a changing climate in the future. Obama's planned investments in renewable energy, his commitment to preservation and his willingness to tackle climate change place him ahead of both his opponent and the current president.

We do hold some reservations about Obama when it comes to free trade. He has at times voiced opposition to free-trade, a stance we believe ignores the wealth of information on the benefits of globalization. Bringing down trade barriers has lifted millions of world citizens out of poverty. Foreign aid can't make that claim.

Just four years ago, we watched as a hopeful state senator from Illinois climbed the stage at the Democratic National Convention. This year, he took that stage again with dreams of the presidency. Should Obama receive the nation's blessing, we expect another speech in January, this time in front of the Capitol.

Mark Warner for Virginia Senator

With the retirement of John Warner, Virginia loses an excellent senator. Fortunately, with the election of former Gov. Mark Warner, we have the opportunity to gain someone just as good, if not better. We respect few public figures more than former Gov. Warner. His experiences as an entrepreneur have made him an agile and able politician. His term as governor indicated as much. In setting his sights on Washington, he faces even greater challenges. We're sure he's up to it. We're also sure his opponent, former Gov. Jim Gilmore, is not.

Even Gilmore's own party has all but given up on him. In a hard-fought primary contest, he barely eked out a victory over relatively unknown Delegate Bob Marshall. That the retiring Warner, also a Republican, recently indicated that he will not endorse Gilmore shows that something's amiss. But why all the animus? As the College's in-state population knows, Gilmore's battle against the car tax defined his governorship. Even as the state's finances and his own party turned against him, Gilmore ignored both as he pushed his legislation.

Warner, on the other hand, stepped in and cleaned up Gilmore's mess. Putting politics aside, he treated the state with the cool head of a businessman and worked with Republicans to repair the largest budget shortfall in Virginia's history. Bipartisanship pervaded his tenure. In 2005, Time magazine named him one of America's five best governors. Similarly, in his senatorial campaign, he has stressed consensus building over adherence to ideology. Even his current energy proposal, a wedding of Republican and Democratic plans for nuclear, coal and renewables, illustrates a desire for pragmatism over partisanship.

Bill Day for Virginia Representative

Virginia's first congressional district stretches across the Tidewater region, from Hampton Roads to Prince William County. It is, by and large, Republican territory. But as Virginia has proved recently, even the most stolidly red strongholds have gone up for the grabs. The current contest pits two political tyros against each other: Democrat Bill Day; Rob Wittman and the incumbent Republican. We've placed our support behind Day.

On the majority of issues, Day and Wittman are nearly indistinguishable. Both fiscal conservatives, the two nonetheless diverge enough for Day to display superiority, if only slightly. In an interview with The Flat Hat's editorial board, Day discussed his concerns about the affordability of higher education. Noting that the current Pell Grant program suffered from an acute lack of funding, he promised to appropriate the necessary money and expand educational opportunities. Day also promised a commitment to the environment, saying he'd favor expanded nuclear and renewable energy production in Virginia. He was light on specifics, however.

Day's background in business will leave him better positioned to respond to the current economic turmoil. At the same time, though, that business experience has not inoculated him from some illogical proposals. Both Day and Wittman champion energy independence without justification or a clear understanding of how such a plan would affect energy prices. Wittman, for his part, equates filling up the gas tank with supporting "terrorist regimes." We doubt Canada, our number one supplier of oil, appreciates the sleight.

More pragmatically, Day supported a conciliatory approach to immigration policy reform. He argues — rightly, we think — that immigrants fill essential positions in the American workforce. Denying their entrance or sending them home will benefit neither them nor the businesses that rely on them. Wittman's stance is less friendly to both.

Since Wittman joined the House in January, he has voted with Republicans 96 percent of the time. If nothing else, Wittman deserves to spend some time with his colleagues pondering where exactly those decisions have led the country. We urge you to vote for Bill Day on Nov. 4.

The staff editorial represents the opinion of The Flat Hat. The editorial board, which is elected by The Flat Hat's section editors and executive staff, consists of Austin Wright, Jeff Dooley, Alice Hahn, Brian Mahoney and Andy Peters.



By Vicky Chao, Flat Hat Cartoonist

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Botched Alma Mater

To the Editor:

Ah, Homecoming. A chance to see old friends, to remember racing to class after skipping breakfast and to stand proudly with fellow alumni to sing the Alma Mater. Well, two out of three ain't bad. At this past weekend's Homecoming football game, I was shocked to hear the pep band's rendition of our Alma Mater. From the expressions I saw and the complaints I heard, I was not alone.

Singing our Alma Mater is special. Yes, other schools use the same tune, but from learning the song during freshman orientation to singing

it during the Yule Log ceremony, many of us have fond memories of singing those words. In times of both celebration and challenge, students and alumni come together to sing loudly and proudly of the love we share for our College.

What we heard Saturday was — well, I'm not quite sure what it was. Who would add a fast backbeat to that song? Apparently the pep band thought it was appropriate, but I don't think I've ever heard fewer people singing the song together than I did that day. The extra drum beats sounded like band members thought the song needed jazzing up, and the tempo made it sound

like they just wanted to get through it so they could get on to "You Can Call Me Al" or the theme from Rocky.

I say this as a former member of the pep band, concert band and brass ensemble. I also say this as a proud alumnus who was very disappointed in what he heard. When leading people in song, the band's role is not to shine the spotlight on itself. By performing such a thoughtless rendition of our Alma Mater, the band's poor leadership created an environment in which few people sang along.

It was a missed opportunity and a dropped responsibility on a special day.

— Charles Fulcher '99

Foreign policy issues lost in recession

Alexander Ely

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



*"Domestic policy can only defeat us; foreign policy can kill us."* — John F. Kennedy

Barring an incredibly close vote, or the intervention of cronies, family members and FOX News, the 2008 presidential campaign will end a week from today. Then, no matter who emerges victorious — it looks at this point that it will be Sen. Barack Obama — the problems will really begin.

The United States is in the midst of what many economists and commentators consider the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Little else has been discussed during the past few weeks, and it's not hard to see why. Following the failure of Lehman Brothers in September, credit markets began to freeze, sending shocks up and down Wall Street and disastrous ripple effects throughout the global economy.

Obama saw an incredible boost in the polls, indicating that the "market-cures-all" approach of Sen. John McCain and his party — regardless of its merits or feasibility — was simply not resonating with voters during such a tumultuous period.

Many journalists and pundits have commented that the financial crisis was the worst thing that could have happened to the McCain campaign. (I'd say it's a close tie between that and picking a running mate roughly as capable of holding public office as Britney Spears.) But the real victims are the voters, and not just because their savings, college education plans for their children and 401Ks are being suddenly threatened. The gravest danger of the financial crisis is that it has occupied a singular position in the campaign's political discourse, pushing to the rear other important issues that the next president will have to address, many that originate from beyond our borders.

Foreign policy has become the forgotten theme of the 2008 campaign. It was expected to be a major strong point for McCain, following his military service and 26 years in Congress. It was expected to be Obama's critical vulnerability, given his relatively short stint in the Senate — no doubt influencing him to select Sen. Joseph Biden, the chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as his running mate. But rather than serving as one candidate's strength or another's weakness, it hasn't really mattered at all.

If you need an idea of how not to conduct foreign policy, simply look at the last eight years. The Bush Administration

consistently ignored the national interest in order to pursue its own agenda. It squandered all the good will that was shown to the United States after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 by burning nearly every important diplomatic bridge that the country had, showing contempt for diplomacy, the United Nations, international law and the Geneva Convention.

While the Bush administration did provide more monetary aid to Africa for AIDS prevention programs and infrastructure development than any presidential administration in history, their rhetorical connections between using military force in Iraq and promotion of democracy severely undermined U.S. efforts to promote the spread of democracy and freedom. Many past presidents have been judged by their performance in international crises. They are remembered for their successes and failures. It's not hard to guess how Bush will be remembered.

At the forefront of the country's current concerns abroad are the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons (not nuculeur, Sarah Palin) and the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. All are incredible challenges resulting from the failures of the Bush Administration to adequately pursue a solution to the ongoing Middle East feud, as well as its committing ground troops to Iraq at the expense of

Afghanistan, and refusal to even explore diplomatic avenues with the Iranians.

The differences between the two candidates for president are incredible. McCain would continue the policy of ignoring Iran, which would make it all the more likely that Iran will acquire weapons capable of striking Israel. It's

also unlikely that, without some sort of diplomatic effort Iran would suddenly help the United States stabilize Iraq or the broader Middle East, where Iran has long been implicated with assisting terrorist groups like Hezbollah. Prominent American journalists and diplomats have consistently pointed out over the past several years that not sitting down with Iran is absolute folly. It seems that Obama understands this as well.

So why, with countless hotspots overseas, is foreign policy absent from the campaign? Perhaps the media is culpable. Major foreign policy addresses don't get the same type of coverage as those dealing with race, domestic policy, lipstick on pigs or Jeremiah Wright. Maybe the voters simply don't care. That's understandable with some of today's economic difficulties.

But the next president will inherit a host of foreign problems. He will have to cope with an international community that is furious with the way American power has been conducted recently. He will have to fix a military that is stretched thin and a diplomatic corps that is almost nonexistent. These are important things to keep in mind when we go to the polls.

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## ARTS ON CAMPUS



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT  
British duo *The Ting Tings*, Jules De Martino and Katie White headlined the homecoming concert on Saturday night at Lake Matoaka Amphitheater.

# Matoaka madness

*Yoav, The Cool Kids and The Ting Tings provide eclectic set of performances*

By KASI KANGARLOO  
Flat Hat Variety Editor

The Homecoming concert at the Lake Matoaka amphitheater provided, if nothing else, a fascinating study in contrasts. The performers included an Israeli one-man acoustic act (opener Yoav), a Chicago-bred, new old school hip-hop act (The Cool Kids), and a British indie-dance-rock act (headliner The Ting Tings). But the concert provided much more. Yoav's haunting acoustic-ambiance was strangely thought provoking; The Cool Kids were everything a hip-hop show should be; The Ting Tings were part '80s-revival, part indie-rock dance party.

The weather was a bit disagreeable. A steady rain hung over the campus for a couple of hours prior to the show, seriously hindering student turnout. However, attendance was stronger than some UCAB staff expected. "This is a lot more people than I thought would show up at this time," UCAB member Kyle Wager '10 said at around 7:15 p.m., 45 minutes before the opening act. The rain and humidity cleared up in time for Yoav's set. All that was left to look forward to was the music.

**Yoav**  
It was a one-man show, but it sure as hell didn't sound like one. Without knowing, it would be easy to assume at least two or three guys were onstage. But, there was just one. Yoav's mad finger-picking skills, percussive acoustic guitar and on-stage sampling made for a full three-piece sound. Although I'm pretty sure he had some help here and there. One song featured extensive sampling — all of a sudden it was a dance party, pleasantly reminiscent of a Nine Inch

### CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

- Yoav's mad finger-picking skills
- Mikey Rocks of The Cool Kids wearing a Viking helmet given to him by an audience member
- The Ting Tings encore performance of "That's Not My Name"

Nails show. Though the song opened with only a few well-placed chords and Yoav's eerie upper register, he showed little trouble diving head-first into a full-fledged, disco-tech groove. It may not have been as upbeat as what the audience expected, especially after a trip through the rain. But Yoav's set was enjoyable, and far better than I had anticipated from an opening act for two relatively minor bands.

**The Cool Kids**  
"Check, check, check, William and Mary College, if y'all ready for The Cool Kids make some noise," the DJ said as he settled in at the back of the

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'HSM3' brings happy endings to the big screen

By MARY BONNEY  
The Flat Hat

The East High Wildcats are back in the third installment of "High School Musical" — the feel-good Disney franchise that has taken the world by storm. Disney realized that by graduating to the big screen, every detail of "High School Musical 3: Senior Year" needed to be kicked up a notch. Bigger, more colorful sets, more elaborate choreography and over-the-top costumes — you name it and director Kenny Ortega, choreographer of the classic "Dirty Dancing," has it covered. The songs are as catchy and the lyrics as uplifting and cheesy as expected for a music-fueled, G-rated movie aimed at young Disney fans ("It's like catching

lightning / the chances of finding / someone like you"). In 'HSM3,' Troy Bolton (Zac Efron) and the gang are faced with creating the greatest senior musical while handling the stress of graduation and leaving their picture-perfect high school. Troy is torn between playing basketball at the fictional University of Albuquerque or following girlfriend Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens) to Stanford, hundreds of heartbreaking miles away. Twins Sharpay (Ashley Tisdale) and Ryan Evans (Lucas Grabeel) are vying for a prestigious scholarship to Julliard, while Chad (Corbin Bleu) is working up the nerve to ask Taylor (Monique Coleman) to prom. The stage



COURTESY PHOTO — MOVIEWEB.COM  
Students at East High gather around a piano while rehearsing for their musical production, "Senior Year" in the film 'HSM3.'

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## CAPSULE REVIEW

OF MONTREAL SKELETAL LAMPING

★★★★☆

Of Montreal, from Athens, Georgia, returns with "Skeletal Lamping," the band's ninth album. Stylistically, it has much in common with its last album, "Hissing Fauna, Are You the Destroyer?" from it's sing-speak vocals, disco aesthetics and high-pitched harmonies to the stories of front-man Kevin Barnes's sex-changing alter-ego Georgie Fruit (Barnes's glam-rock persona invented in 'Hissing Fauna'). Think of this album as Georgie's coming-out party. But I'm not sure which closet Georgie has been in. Barnes' ambiguous take on sexuality is apparent in the song "For Our Elegant Caste," where he sings "We can do it soft-core if you want / But you should know I take it both ways." The ambiguity continues to the end of the album, with Barnes's lines, "screaming out to you from the depths of this phallocentric tyranny" during the song "Id Engager." Unfortunately, some tracks it feels as if Barnes has bitten off more than he can chew. Tracks are too expansive, too changeable and too fragmentary. While this might match up with Georgie's past, it's jarring for listeners. At first, it was a little daunting to get through whole tracks on this album. Several, including "Nonpareil of Favor" and "Pastis Warfare," devolve from dancey, melodic pieces into blurry, reverberating vocal jumbles and beats. It's like Georgie wasn't sure whether or not he even wanted to dance at his party. But overall, the album is still fun. The tracks are catchy, and if you enjoy the more recent Of Montreal Albums, BeeGees-style falsettos or blatantly ambiguous sexuality, you'll probably dig "Skeletal Lamping." — by Michelle Kelley

## CONFUSION CORNER

# Locating self on campus without a map

Zoe Spears  
CONFUSION CORNER  
COLUMNIST



It's hard to find your place on campus, let alone in the world. And yet, the longer I'm here, the more I'm starting to realize there's more than a subtle parallel between the two. Work out one, and you start to understand how to go about the other. I haven't figured it out yet myself, but I'm going to go out on a limb here and assume that I'm in the majority. With the exception of athletes, like my two swimmer suitmates, most of us come to college without the advantage of a preexisting social group. In grade school, our parents stuck flutes in our hands and sent us off to band camp. They bought us cleats and shin guards and put us on soccer fields. They sewed costumes,

bought stage make-up and drove us to rehearsals for our part as Flying Monkey 3 in "The Wizard of Oz." These were the groups to which we clung for the formative years of our lives. But college, as I'm sure you have guessed, is another story altogether. My parents paid my tuition for the first semester, bought me adhesive tape and storage containers for my dorm and then left me on my own. At first, just being here was enough. After 12 years of worrying whether school would ever end, I was here at last. I'd made it. It took 12 years to earn the right to independence. I partied on weeknights, made friends and even allotted a respectable amount of time to studying. Life was good. Even doing my laundry came with its own embarrassing little thrill of adulthood. Then something changed. I started partying only once a week. Then once every two weeks. Now, almost never.

Roommates and hallmates with whom I thought I would be friends for life (and by life, I mean four years of undergraduate school) weren't quite as similar to me as I'd originally thought. Before I realized it, my glorious college life — which I'd dreamed of for four interminable years of high school — had come to consist of watching episodes of "House" on hulu.com, studying when absolutely necessary and filling Caf to-go boxes with pizza on top of French fries on top of spaghetti. If you're waiting, for the turning point in this scenario, when I come back with an uplifting story of how I turned this relatively depressing situation around and made a name for myself, I'm afraid it's not coming. What I just described to you is my life at present, give or take a quick jog or a trip to New Town now and then. Out of pure boredom, I dyed my hair

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## BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

# Sexy stereotypes not so hot, not so accurate

Maya Horowitz

FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



Last Sunday the Asian Student Council and the African American Male Coalition hosted a date auction. A good friend of mine was set to be auctioned off. When I talked to her before the auction, she told me that she was nervous that whoever bid on her might have yellow fever. "Uh, isn't there a vaccine for that?" Looks like I'm not up on my slang terminology. Turns out "yellow fever," in addition to referring to an acute viral disease, also means being more sexually attracted to Asian people than to other types of people. This is also known as Asian fetishism. According to UrbanDictionary.com, this phrase is usually applied to white men attracted to Asian women, but can apply to anyone obsessive about Asians. Apparently, yellow fever is a common condition nowadays. But what's behind this craze? Is there something different about Asians behind closed doors?

If you ask the internet, it'll tell you that Asian women have hot, sexy, Asian vaginas that are completely different from hot, sexy vaginas of other races. What's so special about these vaginas? Some speculate that they are super-tight because they have an extra muscle to contract around non-Asian penises. Asian men get an arguably less attractive stereotype. Their penises are rumored to be itty-bitty. But they still have the whole exotic, mysterious Asian thing going for them. They look different. Those eyes, that hair — take me now.

Of course, all of this is nonsense. It's a classic case of sexualization of the "Other." Because they look different, we assume that means they are fundamentally different. But they're not. In the bedroom, we're all alike. Biological and cultural variations pale in comparison to the immense sexual similarities between members of the human race. All penises swell with blood and excitement, causing the men attached to them to do silly things, and all vaginas discharge a sticky substance. Just because I'm Jewish doesn't mean my vagina repels uncircumcised penises like two magnets of the same polarity. Irish women's nipples don't drip beer, Hispanic men's balls can't do the Meringue and there's no way Asian women are endowed with extra vaginal muscles. But, as a linguistics major, I've learned that when something is given a name, such as "yellow fever," it has some significance. There certainly is a phenomenon currently at work in American society of non-Asians being attracted specifically to Asians, especially East Asians. The stereotypes are — as stereotypes tend to be — ridiculous, but there is something behind Asian fetishism. One study claims that yellow fever has geopolitical origins. American soldiers' contact with prostitutes during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War spurred

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# Cool Kids, Ting Tings groove for Homecoming

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stage, setting the tone for something completely different.

Mikey Rocks and Chuck Inglish took the stage, jumping right into “Delivery Man,” one of their strongest tracks. It was immediately clear why The Cool Kids had developed a national reputation before the release of their first album. Lyrics like “Don’t box me / I’m Sugar Ray Leonard to them boxers / Watch me not watch them / I’m like clockwork” displayed nothing but masterful word play and pure cool, flowing with ease over the duo’s laid-back, bass-blasting production.

The crowd was a little rambunctious — the stink of booze wafted through the air on more than one occasion — but the duo seemed to enjoy it. After the third song, Rocks took a moment to apologize for his outfit.

“I look like I just came from the gym, from boxing practice,” he said, describing his modest attire: a black sweatshirt and sweat pants over T-shirt. “You all mad at me for wearing my sweat suit?”

The crowd shouted in disagreement, before Inglish chimed in.

“You’re original, man,” he said. “We got a national anthem for people like you, and it goes

like this.” Then the duo broke into “A Lil’ Bit Cooler,” a jazzy, cymbal-heavy song featuring such fly lyrics as “Flipping channels, I’m a rebel eating a bowl / Of them fruity pebbles, fruity pebbles, fruity pebbles.”

Other highlights included Rocks accepting a Viking helmet from a student amidst drunken shouts of “Flava Flav” and “Vikings.” Inglish, at one point, began giving out air high-fives to the crowd. And props to the crowd for actually managing to hoist up at least one crowd-surfer.

The Cool Kids never failed to groove; Inglish and Rocks never failed to work the crowd. The bass was screaming throughout, and the beats were never less than dance worthy.

## The Ting Tings

For The Ting Tings, the drunken grinding made a smooth transition into goofy-ass skanking. I’m not sure if the audience had changed since The Cool Kids’ performance, but the atmosphere certainly did. More people continued to show up by the time the duo took the stage, making for a sizable crowd.

Though they took a little time getting their groove into full gear, it’s safe to say that the more obnoxious qualities of The Ting Tings translate nicely to a live setting, where the mind-numbing

repetition and Katie White’s snappy, Brit-punk vocals can get a crowd moving.

One of their more popular tunes, the jaunty, piano-heavy “We Walk” was first out of the gate. The Ting Tings then shot right into another fan favorite, “Great DJ,” without skipping a beat. The catchy chorus, “Imagine all the girls / Ah ah ah, ah, ah, ah, ah” melted nicely into White’s hypnotizing verse, “the drums, the drums, the drums,” setting a fierce pace for the rest of the show.

Spot-on for the most part, the duo rarely took time to banter with the audience as The Cool Kids had, though White’s rock-star antics at the mic proved an easy crowd-pleaser. Her use of the cow bell during a number of songs offered sentimental as well as musical value.

Drummer/guitarist Jules De Martino paid considerable attention to the crowd before the duo broke into the encore, putting on a yellow College of William and Mary T-shirt while off-stage.

“For our friends in the UK,” he said as he held out a flip video camera to the crowd. “Oh, UK. Oh, Williamsburg.”

The crowd grooved to the encore performance of their hit, “That’s Not My Name,” in what was probably the highlight of all three sets — a smooth, catchy closer to an evening of eclectic sounds.

# College: A stepping stone to identity

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blonde. See that picture of me up there by the column name? Blondie, right? Wrong. A hundred bucks on Parents’ Weekend because I had nothing else to do, and I’ve already dyed it back to my natural color.

I’ve got to get a hobby. But in college, people don’t acquire hobbies. They join clubs. They audition for a cappella groups. They volunteer. And they find a dozen other people just like themselves who are realizing that they have no idea how to occupy the 12-odd hours of every day in which they’re not at class or cramming for an exam.

So, after about an hour lecture via cell phone from my dad who absolutely loved college at the University of Richmond — and was a man about campus through his involvement in theater — I allowed myself to be convinced that I should do something about my relatively indifferent state of existence. He told me to just sign up for things I was semi-interested in. Maybe it’s not ideal but something will lead to meeting people who are just as unsure of where they belong as I am

After I got off the phone, in that weird drizzle-rain we had on Saturday night, I trudged up to Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall and sat myself down in front of the huge bulletin board with all the information on theater events, volunteer opportunities and audition notices. It was nothing big, but I wrote my name down everywhere I could, even for the jobs that nobody wanted back in high school, because they weren’t quite as glamorous as being on stage where people can see and admire you. I didn’t care. I wasn’t signing up for attention and glamour — I was signing up for a chance to belong.

Maybe weeks from now, that scribble with my name and e-mail on the stage crew sign-up sheet will lead me to an entirely new group of people to whom I relate and feel natural and comfortable around. Maybe I’ll be dressed in black, getting directions from a headset about props needing to be moved, and suddenly filled with a sense of purpose. Maybe I’ll be three episodes behind on “House” because of my new involvement.

Then again, maybe not. I might be in the same boat as I am now. But it won’t be the same boat exactly. Before I had been idling with my oars folded apathetically across my lap. Now I’ll have thrust them into the water, rowing anew with conviction and vigor — even if maybe I don’t know quite where I’m headed.

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CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT  
Miley Rocks of old-school, hip-hop group The Cool Kids throws his hands up for the crowd at last weekend’s Homecoming concert.

# Racial identity muddles desire

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a fascination with women from these cultures.

A scientific inquiry into this phenomenon took place at Columbia University. Two psychologists and an economist studied more than 400 participants over two years in a speed-dating experiment. After each speed-date, the daters were asked to rate each partner. The researchers found that women of all races had a strong preference for men of their own race. Men, on the other hand, liked women of all races. So what does that have to do with yellow fever? One anomaly in the data: Asian women discriminated against all men except other Asians and — you guessed it — whites.

So maybe it’s not that white men love Asian women so much, it’s more that Asian women are the only minorities accepting their advances. But if that’s the case, it shouldn’t be called yellow fever: It should be

called something like beige craze or pale eroticism.

The phenomenon of yellow fever has the possibility of being very demeaning. While it’s nice for there to be positive stereotypes about a race (“Hey, have you heard that black dudes have huge dicks?”), they also turn people into objects. Of course, your preference is your preference. If you find that you are most attracted to East Asians, that’s completely fine. Just be sure you’re interested in people for who they are, not their racial identities.

Besides, we can all learn a lesson from the men in the speed-dating experiment: Take what you can get. The more sexual and romantic options you allow yourself, the more likely you are to find that special person. And by special person, I mean woman who has a genetically-mutated vagina with extra muscles.

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# ‘Senior Year’ kicks it up a notch

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is set for a slew of musical numbers, where the stars fight for their dreams, ultimately arriving at the happy ending we all wish could really happen.

Disney, for the most part, sticks to the formula from previous ‘High School Musical’ films that created the international phenomenon: Troy and Gabriella have multiple duets, Sharpay and Ryan belt out a self-absorbed tune declaring that they “want it all,” Troy sings about the pressures of living up to others’ expectations and the graduating class comes together to sing “High school musical / Who said we have to let it go?”

The songs are woven through the movie as the stars determine how they will fill their own musical, “Senior Year,” with experiences from their culminating year at East Height. The high schoolers burst into songs about winning the championship game (the electrifying opening song “Now or Never”), returning to childhood (the Grease-reminiscent “The Boys are Back,” performed in a junkyard), and young love (the unavoidably sappy duet “I Just Want to Be With You”).

One of the greatest and most elaborate musical numbers is “A Night To Remember,” an upbeat song about prom where the girls gush, “It’s the night of our dreams” and the boys reveal, “It’s the night of our nightmares.” The cinematography and camerawork in ‘HSM3’ showcase the show-stopping performances brilliantly.

Whether you are a fan of “High School Musical,” indifferent, or have hated every aspect of previous films, you should go see this one. The creative musical numbers have such elaborate settings, fine-tuned

choreography and catchy tunes that you won’t be able to deny Disney the credit it deserves for setting the bar for feel-good musicals. “High School Musical” has become a cultural beacon of hope for children that cliques don’t define who you are, that friends will always support you and — of course — that there is always a happy ending.



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The cast of “High School Musical 3: Senior Year”



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"I told him that he would do a better job for us right now taking a shower than going out on the field."  
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### COMMENTARY

## Tribe needs to start stronger in CAA games

Chris Weidman

FLAT HAT ASSOC. SPORTS EDITOR



Second-half comebacks have become the trademark of this year's Tribe squad. Saturday's Homecoming affair against the University of Rhode Island was no different, as the College of William and Mary rallied from a three-point halftime deficit.

The Tribe produced just seven points in the first half on a 12-yard run by freshman running back Jonathan Grimes, and entered the locker room trailing to a Rhode Island team without a CAA win.

And much like previous CAA games, the Tribe morphed into an offensive juggernaut in the second half, taking the field with a renewed sense of urgency and scoring touchdowns on its first two possessions en route to a 34-24 victory.

Second-half heroics aside, this Tribe team has been uninspiring during the first 30 minutes of each of its CAA games. In their last four games, the squad failed to put up more than 13 points in the first half, with the College trailing at the break in three of four of these contests.

"We just had to come out here [in the second half] and play the way we are capable of," junior defensive end Adrian Tracy said after the Rhode Island game. "We had some people during halftime go in there and fire the boys up and get us on the right page. We had to come together as a unit, collectively, and get it done."

The last four contests have shown that halftime pep talks work. The College has scored 100 second-half points compared to a measly 27 in the opening 30 minutes. While rallies are inspiring, and the mark of an experienced and confident squad, it's hard to understand why this energy appears 30 minutes into the game, instead of at kickoff.

After the URI match-up, Head Coach Jimmye Laycock stated that his team was a step slow and a step behind in the early going. Senior quarterback Jake Phillips threw his tenth interception of the season in the first half. The pick was Phillips's eighth pick in the opening 30 minutes of games this year, partly adding to the Tribe's diminished scoring touch.

The College have had four more drives in the second half in comparison to the first half of games this season, yet four drives does not make up for an interception difference of eight nor an overall point difference of 73.

"I think one thing you have to be careful of when you are down at halftime is it [can] very easily to turn into a slippery slope where we go out there and we are flat again," senior guard Michael Grant said. "It is more of a regrouping than riling up. You're riled up before the game, and everyone is excited. It isn't like we are coming out flat on purpose. We are coming out [of halftime] as if it's a new ball game."

Finding a way to translate that second-half attitude into a 60-minute mantra will be key for the Tribe down the stretch because the CAA is not a conference for teams to sleep-walk through first halves.

The College should enter its next two games against Towson University and Northeastern University as the favorites despite its underwhelming first-half performances. So far this season, Towson and Northeastern have each scored more first-half points than the College.

If the Tribe continues digging itself into holes in the first half, more pressure will fall on the shoulders of Phillips to get the College into the end zone. To date, Phillips has handled the late-game pressure, and the defense has come up with momentum-changing three-and-outs in the second half, in addition to two defensive touchdowns.

If the Tribe can adjust earlier to its opponents and capitalize on mismatches, halftime deficits should disappear, and the rest of the CAA will be on guard, because this year's Tribe is a second-half team.

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# Phillips, Grimes power past Rams

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early, but the officials ruled the ball uncatchable, nullifying any potential pass interference penalty. The touchdown gave the Tribe a lead that the Rams could not overcome.

Despite the comfortable final margin, the College was again forced to play from behind at the start of the second half, something it has had to do frequently in recent weeks. Luckily for the Tribe, that halftime deficit would not last long.

After the Tribe received the second half kickoff, Phillips drove his squad 65 yards down the field in four plays, hitting junior wide receiver D.J. McAulay on a well-executed, 18-yard fade route to give the College a lead which it would not relinquish.

"We came out for the second half and knew we were getting the ball and everyone on the team just set their mind to it that we were going to go down there and score," Phillips said. "We came out pretty motivated."

The win was marred, however, by a second-quarter knee injury to senior wide receiver Elliott Mack, one of the team's most influential and vocal leaders.

"You don't want to see a guy go down, and especially Elliott because he is such an impact player," Phillips said.

Despite the uninspired performance, the Tribe could only be happy with the victory.

"It's kind of a feeling of relief that we got away with one," Laycock said. "We could have been upset today. Things could have gone the other way, but we made some plays



JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT  
Freshman running back Jonathan Grimes breaks free of defenders during the Tribe's 34-24 victory.

here and there and came back [and won]."

The Tribe's returns to the field this Saturday when they travel to Towson, Md. to take on the University of Towson.

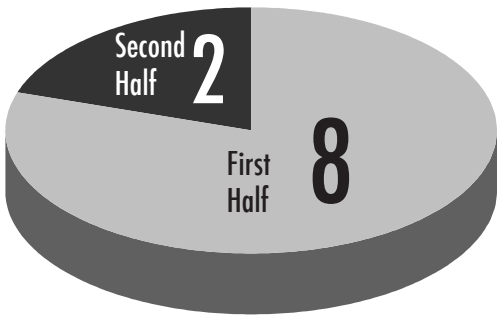
Last season, the Tigers fell to the

Tribe 27-22 when a last minute drive stalled at the College's 14 yard line.

Towson enters the contest with a 3-5 ledger and is 1-3 in the CAA. The Tigers lone conference win came in a 37-32 victory over URI three weeks ago.

## Senior quarterback Jake Phillips' interceptions in 2008

Phillips has thrown eight of his 10 interceptions in the first half of games this season.



### BY THE NUMBERS

**Game Stats**  
**RUSHING YARDS**  
Tribe — 161  
Rams — 114  
**PASSING YARDS**  
Tribe — 207  
Rams — 225  
**3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS**  
Tribe — 6 of 12  
Rams — 8 of 15

**Individual Stats**  
**PASSING**  
Jake Phillips — 15 of 24, 207 yards  
**RUSHING**  
Jonathan Grimes — 111 yards  
Courtland Marriner — 15 yards, 1 TD  
**RECEIVING**  
Chase Hill — 3 catches for 55 yards  
D. J. McAulay — 3 catches for 33 yards, 1 touchdown

# College continues dominance

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impressive, with her conference-high 45 assists against the Patriots. Mount's play earned her co-CAA player of the week honors.

Her teammates Powell and Bray made her job easier, notching double-digit kills, while junior defender specialist Lindsey Pflugner contributed 13 digs and an ace.

**TRIBE 3, JMU 0**

Unlike its first set with the Patriots, the Tribe quickly fell behind against JMU 15-8 to open the first set. Once again, Skipper and Mount were there to bring the College back into the set. Skipper recorded eight of her 13 kills on a .667 attack percentage during the set, while Mount fueled the offense with a total of 36 assists and 12 digs during the match.

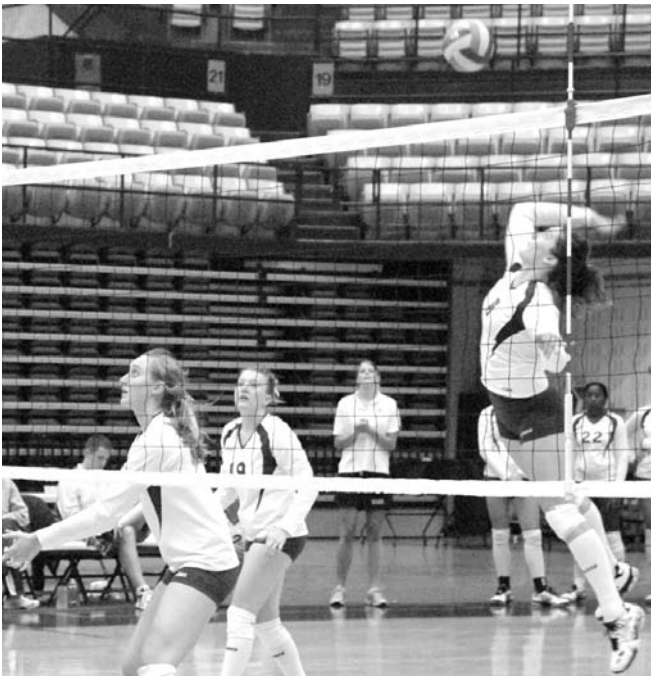
"We just remained composed, even through the rough patches, and just kept playing our game," Skipper said.

The Tribe's first-set comeback crushed any momentum for the Dukes, who recorded only six kills in a 25-14 loss.

The College clinched a shutout in the third set, feeding off freshman outside hitter Brooke Bauerfield's first two career aces and Powell's four kills to pull off a slim 25-23 victory.

The College returns to action Friday at 7 p.m. against Towson University in Kaplan Arena.

The Tigers have garnered wins in three of their last four matches and is 6-3 in the conference. The College heads into the match winners of two consecutive matches and owners of a 6-2 record in the CAA.



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT  
Sophomore outside hitter Erin Skipper



JAMES NAPOLITANO — THE FLAT HAT  
Junior midfielder Wesley Drew

# Tribe locks up CAA tourney bid

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game," Hawthorne said. "To be able to compete in the CAA Tournament is very exciting."

After a scoreless first half saw both defenses dominate play, VCU had a scoring opportunity early in the second half, but sophomore goalkeeper Carrie Thompson made a diving save to keep the Rams off the scoreboard.

From then on, the Tribe started to increase the pressure, and it paid off in the 50th minute when junior midfielder Kelsey Jackson finished a breakaway off an assist by red-

shirt freshman midfielder Mikala Savaides for her second goal of the season. Six minutes later the Tribe struck again, converting a penalty corner into points as sophomore midfielder Jenna Cinalli scored her team-leading sixth goal of the season.

The College nearly scored again in the 63rd minute, but VCU goalkeeper Laura Baker denied the shot.

Baker turned back four of the Tribe's six shots on goal, while Thompson saved all three of the Rams' shots on goal en route to recording her second shutout of the season.

The Tribe travels to its elev-

enth and final non-conference opponent Longwood University Friday at 6 p.m. before wrapping up its CAA schedule at Old Dominion University Sunday afternoon.

Longwood will enter the match against the Tribe with a 8-10 ledger. The Lancers are 2-0 against the CAA this season with wins over Towson University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Monarchs have lost five of their last six match-ups and will face the no. 5 University of North Carolina the Saturday prior to the Monarchs contest against the College.





## SPORTS IN BRIEF

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tribe sweeps road games,  
earns CAA tourney bid

The College of William and Mary captured two road victories over the weekend, beating Towson University 4-1 Sunday afternoon after downing George Mason University 1-0 Friday. Against the Tigers, four different Tribe players scored goals as the College registered 31 shots. Against Mason, freshman forward Stephanie Gerow broke through with a goal in the 82nd minute, cementing a place in the CAA Tournament for the College.

## MEN'S SOCCER

College beats Hofstra on  
Hoxie's penalty kick

College of William and Mary junior forward Andrew Hoxie scored his fourth goal of the year in the Tribe's 1-0 victory over Hofstra University Saturday night. Hoxie blasted home a penalty kick early in the second half after being pulled down by a Pride defender in the box. It was Hoxie's second penalty kick tally of the year and the fifth of his career. Sophomore goalie Andrew McAdams notched his fourth shutout of the season in net, recording two saves in a game in which the Tribe was outshot 11-8.

## MEN'S GOLF

Tribe ends fall season with  
seventh-place finish

In the College of William and Mary's final fall tournament, senior Doug Hurson's eighth-place finish led the Tribe to a seventh-place showing out of 12 teams at the Landfall Tradition in Wilmington, N.C. Hurson shot a 71 (-1) in the final round to record a three-round total of 223 — six strokes behind the individual winner. The University of Iowa won the team title with a combined score of 888. The College finished 29 strokes back, posting a team total of 917.

## FOOTBALL

Pate, Trantin earn CAA  
weekly honors

Junior kicker Brian Pate was honored with CAA special teams player of the week while redshirt freshman linebacker Jake Trantin captured the CAA rookie of the week honor. Pate hit field goals from 37 and 39 yards as well as connecting on all four of his extra point attempts against the University of Rhode Island Saturday. Trantin made the most of his first start at middle linebacker, notching 13 tackles, forcing a fumble and intercepting a pass in the end zone. Trantin had started six games at outside linebacker, but was moved to the middle against the Rams, following the foot injury of senior Josh Rutter.

— By Chris Weidman

## SCHEDULE

Tue., Oct. 28

WOMEN'S TENNIS  
ITA East Regional —  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Wed., Oct. 29

MEN'S SOCCER  
GEORGIA STATE — 7 p.m.

Thur., Oct. 30

WOMEN'S SOCCER  
OLD DOMINION — 7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 31

MEN'S SWIMMING  
Drexel and Old Dominion —  
Harrisonburg, Va. — 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING  
Drexel, Old Dominion, North-  
eastern and James Madison —  
Harrisonburg, Va. — 1 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY  
@ Longwood — Farmville, Va.  
— 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL  
TOWSON — 7 p.m.

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## Storming back



JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT

Sophomore running back Courtland Marriner slices through the Rhode Island defense in the Tribe's 34-24 victory Saturday. Marriner rushed for 15 yards and one touchdown in the win.

## Tribe scores 27 second-half points en route to its third straight victory

By MATT POMS  
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

For the third straight week, the College of William and Mary (5-2, 3-1) emerged victorious in a conference game, downing the University of Rhode Island (2-7, 0-5) on Homecoming 34-24, behind 249 total yards and a touchdown from senior quarterback Jake Phillips.

Playing through a light rain, the Tribe overcame a lackluster first half in which it was outgained 212 to 115 in offensive yardage.

"It wasn't the prettiest win by any means, but I think we did what we had to do to get a win," Head Coach Jimmye Laycock said.

The game began badly for the Tribe as Rhode Island's offense spread the College's defense out and controlled possession for over 20 minutes. Quarterback Derek Cassidy continually kept a College

defense off-balance with a mixture of short passes and designed quarterback runs as the Rams built a 10-7 halftime advantage, converting five of seven third-down plays.

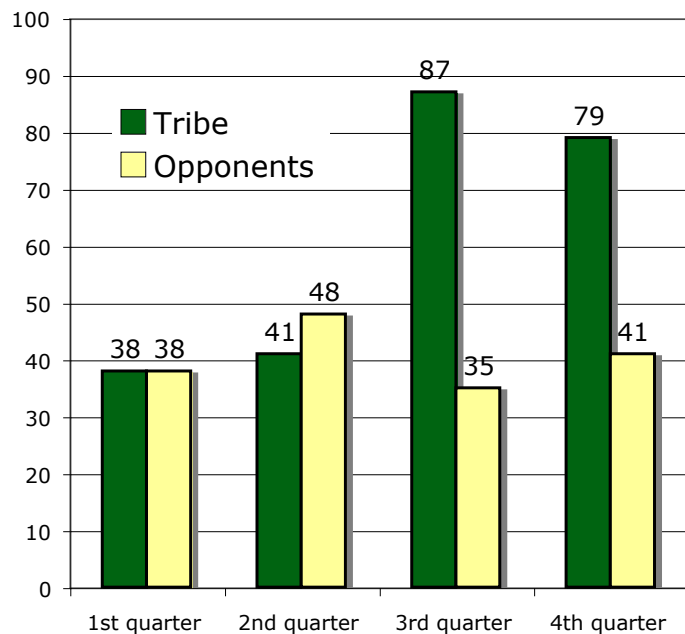
A leaping, second-quarter interception in the Tribe end zone by redshirt freshman linebacker Jake Trantin kept the College within a possession at the half. The Tribe roared back in the second, running off 14 straight points to open the third quarter and take control of the game.

"[The interception] was huge," junior defensive end Adrian Tracy said. "It was a momentum shifter."

Five minutes into the fourth quarter, junior safety David Caldwell returned an interception 62 yards for a score on a play, which was hotly contested by the Rams' coaching staff. It appeared as though senior linebacker Michael Pigram hit the intended receiver

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## Tribe's quarter-by-quarter points in 2008



## VOLLEYBALL

## College beats two CAA foes

## Tribe improves to 16-5 with wins over Mason and Madison

By JACK POLLOCK  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College of William and Mary swept through its weekend matches, following its first two CAA losses of the season, defeating James Madison University and George Mason University.

The Homecoming contests saw Head Coach Melissa Shelton record the 250th win of her coaching career. Additionally, senior setter Kim Mount and sophomore outside hitter Erin Skipper set conference highs for assists and kills, respectively.

## TRIBE 3, MASON 0

Against George Mason, the College received a spark from junior outside hitter Lauren Powell, who jump-started the Tribe in the first set with five kills. Powell's early kills gave way to strong play from Skipper and Mount as the College battled to take a 30-28 win in the

second set. The back-and-forth action of the second set saw 12 ties and five lead changes before sophomore middle blocker Ginny Bray landed a powerful corner kill to secure the set.

The tense struggle did not end there, however, as the Tribe followed the set with a slim 25-21 victory in the third. While the Tribe's offense was overpowering, its defense was less impressive, allowing Mason to connect on .272 of its attacks (the Patriots usually average a .171 hitting percentage).

"We're starting to come down the stretch this season where each game is really important, so two wins here really helps our cause," Skipper said.

Skipper's performance against Mason was truly impressive as she set CAA season highs in both kills and points, with 19 and 20.5, respectively. Mount was

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COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION  
Sophomore middle blocker Ginny Bray

## FIELD HOCKEY

## Tribe beats VCU, falls to no. 7 JMU

By SUSAN FIGUERS  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

## TRIBE 1, JMU 3

No. 7 James Madison University spoiled Senior Day for the College of William and Mary Sunday, pulling out a 3-1 victory against the Tribe (6-11, 4-3 CAA).

The College looked as though it would eke out an upset when it jumped out to a 1-0 lead early in the first half. Junior midfielder Wesley Drew's goal off a penalty corner came just four minutes into play.

The Tribe's one-goal cushion evaporated two minutes before halftime, giving the Dukes the momentum heading into the second half.

JMU pulled ahead for good on a shot by Meghan Balin in the 42nd minute. The Dukes added an insurance goal in the 49th minute when they capitalized on a Tribe turnover.

"JMU is an excellent team," Head Coach Peel Hawthorne said. "It was a very good test for our girls as the end of the season nears."

JMU, the conference's top team,

outshot the Tribe 11-2 and held a 9-2 advantage in penalty corners.

## TRIBE 2, VCU 0

The College recorded its first back-to-back conference wins Friday night when it beat Virginia Commonwealth University 2-0 at Busch Field. The win clinched a berth in the CAA Tournament for the Tribe, one year after missing out the 2007 conference tournament.

"I am really proud of our ladies for staying tough throughout the

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COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION  
Senior midfielder Lauren Giles